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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For : IMAGE FILLING METHOD, APPARATUS AND
COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM FOR REDUCING
FILLING PROCESS IN PROCESSING ANIMATION

Enclosed are:

1. 59 sheet(s) of specification, 42 sheet(s) of claims, and **1** sheet of abstract (and 1 cover sheet).
2. 68 sheet(s) of formal drawings.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney (copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (See paragraph 4 below).
4. Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/577,511, filed May 24, 2000 (and its priority applications), from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under paragraph 3 above is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
5. Priority Claimed:
This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/577,511, filed May 24, 2000, which claims foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of Japanese Patent Application No. 11-145116, filed May 25, 1999; Japanese Patent Application No. 11-152162, filed May 31, 1999; Japanese Patent Application No. 11-204600, filed July 19, 1999 and Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-061221, filed March 6, 2000, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

6. Preliminary Amendment.

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